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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of: Hastings et al.

Attorney Docket No.: PF487

Application Serial No.: 09/466,778

Art Unit: 1653

Filed: December 20, 1999

Examiner: Mitra, R.

Title: Novel Hyaluronan-Binding Proteins and Encoding Genes

**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed April 25, 2001 (Paper No. 10), Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks. Applicants submit concurrently herewith (a) a Fee Transmittal Sheet; (b) a Petition for an Extension of Time for a period of time of one month up to and including August 25, 2001; (c) an Associate Power of Attorney; (d) a Version With Markings To Show Changes Made; and (e) a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, attaching form PTO/SB/08 and copies of references AD-AF. Please amend the application as follows:

**In the Specification:**

Please amend the paragraphs from page 13, line 26 to page 14, line 23 as follows:

*B1*  
Figures 4A-B show the nucleotide sequence (SEQ ID NO:10) and deduced amino acid sequence (SEQ ID NO:11) of BM-HABP. The deduced complete amino acid sequence includes 353 amino acid residues and has a deduced molecular weight of about